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(2) CTG SEVEN TWO PT THREE 140908Z FEB 78 (NOTAL)
(3) CTG SEVEN TWO PT THREE 270706ZFEB 78 (NOTAL)

1. REF. ONE ASKS THIS POST TAKE ACTION ON REF. THREE NOT RPT NOT
RECEIVED HERE. BELEIVE AT THIS POINT WE SHOULD NOTE TO CTG 72.3
THAT DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS AVAILABLE ALL CLASSIFICATIONS
WITH THIS POST THROUGH STATE DEPARTMENT, INDICATOR RUEHCR.
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2. LOCAL FRENCH AIRFORCE BASE COMMANDER REQUESTED MTG WITH CHARGE
5 MARCH TO CLEAR UP CERTAIN PROBLEMS THAT HAVE ARISEN IN FRENCH
SUPPORT ACTIVITIES OUR P-3 FLIGHTS. FOLLOWING MATTERS DISCUSSED
AND AGREED UPON BY CHARGE AND BASE CHIEF:
--INCOMING P-3 FLIGHTS SHOULD NOT REQUEST MEALS THEY DO
NOT INTEND TO EAT. LAST TWO FLIGHTS REQUESTED IN-FLT MEALS

THAT WERE TURNED DOWN AT LAST MINUTE BECAUSE OF EXPENSE.
LUNCHEON WAS PREPARED FOR INCOMING CREW LAST FLIGHT. CREW
EVIDENTLY LUNCHEON ABOARD.

--PARKING POSITION FOR P-3 HAS BEEN CHANGED TO DIFFERENT
DEFENSIVE PERIMETER IN FRONT OF BASE SECURITY OFFICE.

PREVIOUS POSITION APPARENTLY NOT GOOD ONCE FULL FUEL LOAD
ON BOARD.

--FUTURE P-3 FLIGHTS WILL BE ABLE EMPLOY AUXILIARY POWER
UNITS ONLY PRIOR FLIGHTS. LAST FLIGHT RAN APU FROM 0800C TO 1200C
CAUSING CONSIDERABLE NOISE DISCOMFORT TO EVERYONE ON BASE. NEW
POSITION OF ACFT WILL MAKE THIS RULE MUCH MORE NECESSARY, BECAUSE
IT IS LOCATED NEAR PRINCIPAL FRENCH AIRFORCE OFFICES.

--AIRBASE COMMANDER COMMENTED WITH SMILE THAT LAST CREW
FLEW DIRECTLY OVER AIRFIELD AND AIR BASE TWICE BEFORE
SETTING DOWN. RUGBY MATCH WITH ABOUT 1000 AIRFORCE
MEMBERS AND SPECTATORS GOING ON AT TIME. COMMANDER REPORTED
THAT MANY PEOPLE LOOKED UP AND JOKED THAT AMERICANS SPYING ON
THEIR BASE. COMMANDER ASKS IN FUTURE FOR MORE DISCRETION ON
THAT TURNAROUNDS SHOULD BE TAKEN OVER EASTERN SIDE OF AIRFIELD.

3. CHARGE RAISED MATTER OF NAVAID PROBLEMS MENTIONED BY OUR
FLIGHTCREWS IN LAST VISIT (REF. 2) WITH CIVIL AUTHORITIES.
IT WAS REPORTED THAT CERTAIN PROBLEMS WITH AIRPORT EQUIPMENT
DID TAKE PLACE DURING PERIOD OF MOST RECENT P-3 VISIT, BUT
EVIDENTLY THESE HAVE BEEN CORRECTED.

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